

Remarks

By the foregoing amendment, claim 6 has been amended to recite an electroluminescent device and claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form. In addition, the claim 8 has been amended to recite an electroluminescent layer comprising an electroluminescent compound.

New claims 28-33 have been added to the application. New claims 28-33 are supported by original claims 11, 14, 16, 18, 19 and 23. Reconsideration of the rejections of record is respectfully requested.

Claim 7 has been objected to as improperly dependent upon itself. Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form. Claim 17 has been objected to because it does not list the claim from which it depends. Claim 17 was incorrectly transcribed in the prior response to the Office Action and is rewritten in its correct pending form.

Claims 8-9, 11-14, 16-21 and 23-27 have rejected under 35 USC§112, second paragraph on the basis it is unclear in claim 8 as to whether the device has an electroluminescent layer and an electroluminescent compound. As noted above claim 8 has been amended to recite an electroluminescent layer comprising an electroluminescent compound.

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 USC§102(b) as anticipated by the English language abstract of JP 63-174992. More particularly the Office Action states this reference discloses Eu(II)(2,2,6,6-tetramethyl-3,5 – heptanedionato) can be useful as a luminous substance. As noted above claim 6 has been amended to recite an electroluminescent device. There is no disclosure or suggestion in the English language abstract of JP-174992 of an electroluminescent device which comprises as transparent substrate, an electroluminescent layer which comprises Eu(TMHD)₂ and a cathode as recited in amended claim 6.

In view of the foregoing claims 6-9, 11-14, 16-21 and 25-33, all the pending claims, are in proper form and in condition for allowance.

Prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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